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## MS PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

As authorized by the inventor(s), transmitted herewith for filing is a patent application applied for on behalf of the inventor(s) according to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.41(c).

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Satoshi MATSUNUMA

For: MAGNETIC RECORDING MEDIUM, METHOD FOR PRODUCING

MAGNETIC RECORDING MEDIUM, AND MAGNETIC STORAGE

DEVICE

## Enclosed are:

A specification consisting of twenty six (26) pages

∑ Two (2) sheet(s) of formal drawings

Applicant claims small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27

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☐ Applicant	does	not	claim	priority
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- Applicant claims the right of priority under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 119 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.55(a) based on Application No(s). 2003-119835 filed in Japan on April 24, 2003.
  - Certified copy(ies) is(are) attached hereto.
  - ☐ Certified copy(ies) will follow.
- Executed Declaration in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.64 will follow
- ☐ Application Data Sheet in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.76
- □ Preliminary Amendment
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449 and reference(s)
- Other:
- Applicant requests early publication \$300.00 publication fee
- Non-publication Request and Certification under 35 U.S.C. § 122(b)(2)(B)(i)

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- The application transmitted herewith is filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.41(c). The undersigned has been authorized by the inventor(s) to file the present application. The original duly executed declaration together with the surcharge will be forwarded in due course.
- A check in the amount of \$770.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.

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Respectfully submitted,

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